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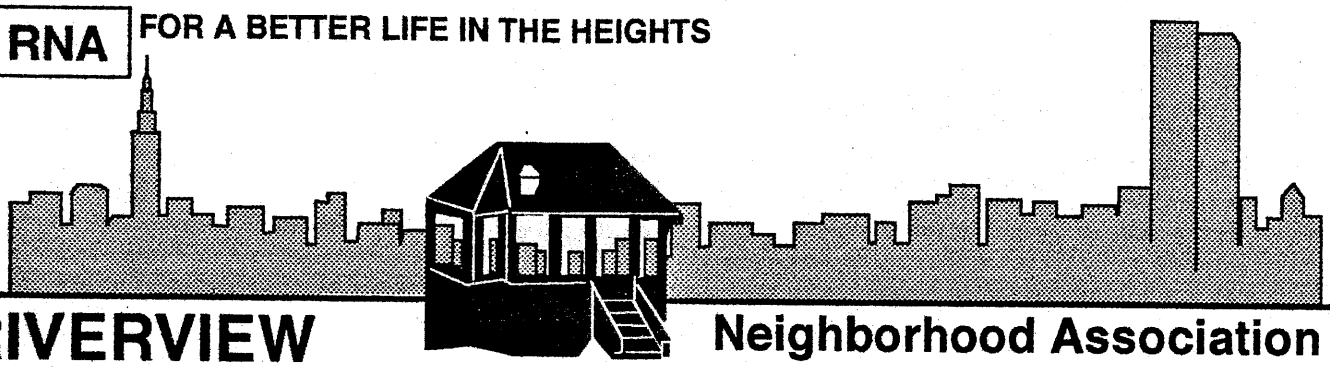

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SPECIAL RNA MEETING ON AUGUST 28TH TO VOTE ON RIVERVIEW PARK RENOVATION PLANS

On Tuesday, August 28,1990, Riverview Neighborhood Association will hold a special meeting to vote on the City's plans to renovate Riverview Park (Project # 89-023). As we go to print, the Bureau of Architecture will publicly present these rehabilitation plans to the Planning board at their September 11th meeting.

Plans for renovation of our Park have been reviewed and discussed since the presentation of the initial plans at our February meeting by City architects Robert Cerchio and James Murray. At that time, the drastic changes proposed were overwhelmingly rejected by the membership (these included stone arches at each of the main entrances and redesigning the pathways of the park). The rehabilitation concerns only the portion of the Park between Palisade and Ogden Avenues and does not address the cliffside segment (except to renovate the basketball court). In June, the architects presented RNA with a revised plan which maintained the present layout of the Park. The project calls for a new drainage system, underground electrical wiring for an expanded lighting system, new pavement for all the walks, movement of the children's playground from its present location on Ogden Avenue to the Bowers Street section, installation of modular play equipment, installation of new benches, and removal of fourteen (14) trees because of disease or interference with the construction (to be replaced by new trees). After long discussions at both the Planning and Development committee and the general meetings, it was decided to divide this project into categories and vote on them indiviidually. The following are the categories to be discussed and voted on at the special August 28th meeting:

1) the installation of a new underground drainage system, which includes larger catch basins/inlets, manholes and undeground pipes, which will connect to the existing system under Palisade Avenue,

2) the installation of new underground electrical conduit and fifteen (15) light poles, which will be twenty-five feet tall and hold two cobra lighting fixtures each (250 watt high pressure sodium light fixture) for the Park lighting scheme,

3) the ripping up of the old pavement and installation of new cement sidewalks - conforming to the present path system (sidewalk will be stronger and there will be a larger curbs),

4) the cementing over of the dirt/grass islands along the curbs of Ogden and Palisade Avenues and Bowers Street (brickwork will be used to surround curbside trees),

5) building a larger children's playground on the Bower Street section of the Park including two modular pieces of play equipment, a seating area for parents, and a four foot fence enclosing the area (the present playground on Ogden Avenue will be eliminated and reseeded with new grass),

6) new benches will be installed throughout the Park (the existing benches will be removed),

7) fourteen trees (12 trees and two bushes) will be removed because of either extensive disease problems or their location interferes with the construction: they will be replaced with fifteen new young trees,

8) the renovation of the center court with the addition of a flagpole,

9) the renovation of the basketball court with a new floor surface and fencing, and

10) installation of fences around the two statues of Fiske and Hudson.

This is an important meeting to decide the RNA's position regarding this renovation, which will be presented at the Planning Board's meeting in early September. We ask all interested neighbors, members and friends to attend and vote! The meeting will begin at 7:00 PM at the Harbor View Health Care Center located on the corner of Ogden Avenue and Franklin Street.

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